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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 November 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-8 and 10-12 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3-7 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1,2,8 and 10-12 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 8, and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nogaki et al. (JP8-17259).

Nogaki et al. discloses, in Figure 1, insulation of the electrical connections of at least two flat flex cables (FFCs), which comprises at least electrical strip conductors (3) and insulating material, wherein the insulating material is removed locally and the exposed strip conductors of different FFCs are joined with one another in an electrically conducting manner, of a so-called matrix (5), characterized in that the matrix is insulated with an insulating sealing material (4) which consists substantially of the same material as the insulating material of the FFCs (the matrix 5 being covered by the sealing material 4 which is also the insulating material of the flat cables), so that the sealing material of the matrix has chemical, mechanical, and thermal characteristics substantially matching the same

characteristics of the insulating material of the FFCs (re claim 1). Nogaki et al. also discloses the thickness of the sealing material in the area of the matrix being between one-fifth and threefold the thickness of the insulating material of the FFC (re claim 2), the at least two FFCs lying in planes that are parallel to each other (re claims 8 and 12), the thickness of the sealing material in the area of the matrix being between half and twice the thickness of the insulating material of the FFC (re claim 10), and the exposed strip conductors of the different FFCs being joined with one another intermediate the ends of the different FFCs (re claim 11).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chau N. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-1980. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext 31.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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